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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In the US national phase application of PCT/FR99/02426 please epter the following amendments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On Page 1, following the title, insert this paragraph:

←This application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C.

§ 365 of International Application PCT/FR99/02426, filed October 8, 1999, which was published in accordance with PCT Article 21(2) on April 20, 2000 in French, and which claims the benefit of French Application No. 98/12600, filed October 8, 1998.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention

Page 1, line 11 insert as heading: --2. Description of Prior Art--

Page 1, line 24 insert as heading: --SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

Page 3, line 3 insert as heading: --BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE

DRAWINGS--

Page 3, line 13 insert as heading: --DETAILED DESCRIPTION--